

## Rev. George L. White

Boston, Mass.

MR. WHITE is pastor of the Columbus Avenue African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. He was born in Jacksonville, N. C., July 15, 1868, of slave parents.

He was born in an ox-cart on the public highway while his parents were moving from one plantation to another. His father died when the boy was eight years of age. George was taught to read and write by the planter whose father was the former owner of the young man's mother. The planter desired George to know how to read and write in order that he might be able to weigh the cotton in the field for the planter. This gave him an inspiration for an education, and he afterwards attended the public schools, then the State Normal School at Newbern, and later Shaw University.



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He was obliged to work hard whenever opportunity offered while he was obtaining an education. His widowed mother continued to cook for the planter and did laundry work at night in order that the desire of her son for an education might be realized. While he was attending Shaw University he did janitor work in Raleigh, making enough, with his mother's help, to support himself in the school. He graduated in 1888 with honor. Since his graduation he has given nearly all of his time to the ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and to the practice of medicine. He is considered one of the foremost pastors and leaders of the church.

His appointments have been in North Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, New York, Virginia, and his present pastorate in Boston. His work in Boston has been crowned with large success. The church is thoroughly organized and is considered, because of its organization and work, one of the leading churches of the denomination.

Mr. White was a prominent member of the Clifton Conference. He has frequently shown great interest in the work of the conference and expresses himself as willing to do any service for the uplift and advancement of his people.

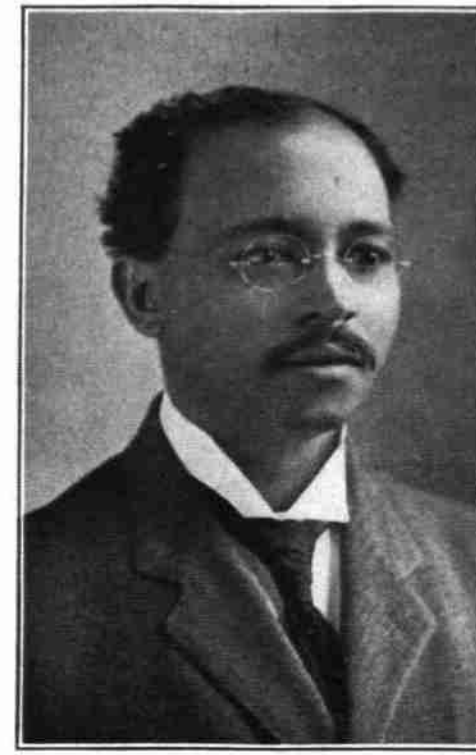
## Rev. Samuel A. Brown

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MR. BROWN is pastor of the St. Mark Congregational Church. He was born in Kingston, Tenn., November 9, 1870. His mother and father died, leaving him alone in the world, when he was a young boy. Before they died he was permitted to attend

school three or four months each summer. The death of his parents made it necessary for him to seek work and "shift for himself."

Samuel went to Kentucky and found employment, but became dissatisfied because there was no opportunity there to attend school. From Kentucky he went to Indianapolis, but here his hope to gain an education was buried in hard work. He kept his courage, however, until an opportunity to go to Washington, D. C., appeared. After working for a year in business and saving from



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his small wages, he became a student in Howard University. He was able to remain for several years at this institution and practically finished his preparatory course.

An opportunity was offered him to go to Boston and a chance to enter the Boston University opened for him. He graduated from the school of theology in 1901. While a student in Boston University he was invited, in 1899, by the members of a little Home Missionary Church in the South End of Boston, St. Mark's Congregational Church, to be their pastor. The field looked most promising to the young student and he accepted the call and accepted the pastorate of the little flock, and has remained with the church ever since.

Although having passed through many rough and exacting places, after seven years of hard work in this place, Mr. Brown has brought his church out of the experimental stage, and a future of usefulness is assured. He has introduced into his church some institutional features, such as music, sewing, and physical culture classes. There is also a literary society which meets regularly, and a Sunday-school of which they may feel proud. Mr. Brown was a member of the Clifton Conference and in the development of its plans has manifested keen interest and thorough appreciation.